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1 – Assumption sinkhole levee under repair as lawsuits mount , BRADV, 6/7/13

<http://theadvocate.com/home/6183475-125/assumption-sinkhole-levee-under-repair>

Texas Brine Co. contractors expect to have a swath of sunken containment levee around the Assumption Parish sinkhole temporarily restored by sometime Friday, a company spokesman said.

2 - Improving Air Quality For Houstonians And Beyond, EDF, 6/07/13

<http://blogs.edf.org/texascleanairmatters/2013/06/07/improving-air-quality-for-houstonians-and-beyond/>

The success of Texas has long been linked to the success of Hispanics. Today, nearly 40% of Texans are Hispanic. As the Hispanic community continues to shape the future of Texas (nearly 50 percent of our state's youth is Hispanic), EDF is paying close attention to the ongoing air quality and public health challenges facing Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and other areas with significant Hispanic populations.

3 - Sequestration cited in written notice to halt development of pollution limit for lake, Muskogee, 6/9/13

<http://muskogee phoenix.com/local/x1504161178/Cuts-threaten-EPA-s-Tenkiller-project>

The automatic federal spending cuts known as sequestration may stall work toward the development of pollution limits for Tenkiller Lake.

4 - Ark. groups tried to get delay in river standard, Muskogee, 6/9/13

<http://muskogee phoenix.com/local/x1999354920/SUNDAY-EXTRA-Ark-groups-tried-to-get-delay-in-river-standard>

Regulators rebuffed efforts by northwest Arkansas business interests trying to leverage an agreement to postpone implementation of Oklahoma's scenic rivers phosphorus standard to delay the establishment of federal pollution limits.

5 - EPA commits to watershed pollution model, Muskogee, 6/8/13

<http://muskogee phoenix.com/local/x1999354908/EPA-commits-to-watershed-pollution-model>

Efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a model for federal pollution limits for the Illinois River watershed likely will proceed despite requests for delay.

6 - Exide files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, ARonline, 6/10/13

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2013/jun/10/exide-files-chapter-11-bankruptcy-protection/?latest>

MILTON, Ga. — Battery maker Exide Technologies is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as it attempts to restructure its U.S. business. The Milton, Ga., company said its international operations are excluded from the filing, which it made Monday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

7 - Swamp School is in session at Wetland Watchers Park in Norco, 6/10/13

http://blog.nola.com/river/2013/06/swamp_school_is_in_session_at.html#incart_river

While a small group of children were catching crabs, another clustered to identify plants. Meanwhile, a few children were practicing archery techniques, and others were enjoying a canoe trip. Swamp School was in session.

8 - Ghosts of regular session legislation rest in waiting for governor's call, 6/7/13

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/Ghosts-of-regular-session-legislation-rest-in-waiting-for-governors-call-210634321.html>

Lawmakers at the Texas Capitol officially have just one job left -- addressing embattled electoral maps before the next election cycle begins.

9 - Following Court Ruling, EPA Withdraws Guidance for 2006 Particle Standards, BNA, 6/10/13

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=31994455&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9f2g8g0&split=0)

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The Environmental Protection Agency is withdrawing guidance for implementing the 2006 fine particulate matter standards in response to a federal appeals court ruling.

10 - EPA Scientists Question Use Of Key Studies In Formaldehyde Assessment, 6/7/13

<http://insideepa.com/201306072436994/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-scientists-question-use-of-key-studies-in-formaldehyde-assessment/menu-id-95.html>

EPA scientists are questioning whether they will be able to use a series of key studies that differentiate between "endogenous" and "exogenous" formaldehyde in the agency's pending risk assessment, undercutting calls by industry groups and others to use the studies to inform how EPA assesses the relative risk of a chemical that forms naturally in the body.

11 - House panel to consider science behind ozone standards, 6/10/13

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2013/06/10/stories/1059982535>

A House subcommittee will challenge U.S. EPA's plan to tighten federal limits on ozone, citing concerns that lower limits could leave some areas of the country at risk of being unable to comply.

12 - NM issues declaration to help Magdalena with water, 6/7/13

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S3060134.shtml?cat=0>

MAGDALENA, N.M. (AP) - Tens of thousands of gallons of water have been trucked to the village of Magdalena to help residents after the community's sole drinking water well went dry.